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Intro: Heritage's mission is "*making disciples here and around the world*," and our elders have selected 8 disciplines to identify what success looks like for us. We've painted the target in the Discipleship Wheel.

Picture: (New) Discipleship Wheel

The first discipline we're looking at is the "Sunday morning gathering." This morning, I want to tell you why the elders have selected this habit as an essential discipline.

First: The Discipleship Wheel Doesn't Say "Sunday Worship"

Worship is an attitude before it is an action.

There are 4 primary Greek words for 'worship' in the NT:

- *Proskuneō*: humble submission before God (to bow before)

Carpe Diem, Coram Deo – Seize the day before the face of God.

- *Latreuō*: faithful service flowing from devotion
- *Sebomai*: reverent awe shaping the heart
- *Leitourgia*: shared, public expression of God's worth

Proskuneo and *Sebomai* are postures or attitudes.

Latreuo and *Leitourgia* are practices or actions.

The attitude creates and shapes the actions. It's a matter of "*beholding is becoming*" or "*being is becoming*."

Worship is about

- who you are in relation to God and then
- what you do for God.

Worship is a 24/7, not just Sunday, attitude of recognizing God's worth and placing him at the center of our lives, much like the Discipleship Wheel.

- a) Moving outward, the Trinity resources the disciplines
- b) Moving inward, the disciplines are invitations to experience God

This means worship is not confined to singing or gathering but everything on the wheel is 'worship.'

At the same time, worship naturally culminates in the gathered assembly, where God's people bow together, serve together, revere together, and offer themselves together to our God.

We get this sense of movement from the individual worship to corporate worship in

Psalm 34:1-3 - *I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

So, that's why we don't call the discipline worship. All the disciplines are worship, and a worshipping life practices the disciplines.

Second: We Gather Because We Have Access to God Through Christ (vv. 19–21)

Note: Whenever you read a "therefore," find out what it's "there for..."

The word translated "therefore" functions like a theological hinge. It often connects doctrine to devotion, and here, the gospel to the gathering, or Christ's work to the church's life.

So, the author of Hebrews does not tell us *what to do* until it has told us *what Christ has done*.

It's the "indicative," "imperative" order, like, "This is true." "This is what it means to you."

1. What comes before the "therefore" in Hebrews 1–10:18?

Verse 19 looks backward across the entire argument of Hebrews.

- a) Jesus is superior to angels, Moses, the prophets, priests and every former mediator.
- b) He is the true High Priest who stands permanently before God on our behalf.
- c) Christ Offered the Final Sacrifice. Unlike the repeated sacrifices of the old covenant:

- Jesus offered himself once.
- His sacrifice actually removes sin.

- Nothing remains to be added.

Hebrews 10:14 summarizes it: “*By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*”

- d) The way into God’s presence is open

IMP: The curtain is no longer a barrier but a testimony to the fact that Christ has opened the way.

2. What comes after the “*therefore*” in Hebrews 10:19–22?

Because of what Christ has done, the writer gives three communal exhortations, all introduced by “*let us*”:

(This is the heart of the sermon)

1. Let us draw near (v. 22)
2. Let us hold fast (v. 23)
3. Let us consider one another (v. 24)
4. The Corporate Context for vs 22-24.

Hebrews 10 does not argue for gathering together by appealing to habit, tradition, or obligation. It grounds the call to gather in

- Christ’s finished work on behalf of God’s people
- frames the Christian life as something that must be lived together.

So, the commands of this passage are not individual techniques for private spirituality. They are communal practices that form us by sharing God’s grace.

IMP Note: The grammar here is more than just plural. The verb form used in Hebrews 10:22–24 is the hortatory (or exhortative) subjunctive, first-person plural. This form does not function like:

- “each of you should...” or
- “all of you must...”

Instead, it functions like:

- “Come on, let’s...”
- “Let us together...”
- “We should, as a body...”

It is inclusive and participatory, not distributive and individual.

If the author wanted to emphasize *each individual's responsibility*, Greek had clearer options, such as:

- second-person plural imperatives (“you all do...”),
- or distributive constructions (“each one”).

He deliberately chose the form that places himself inside the action with the community. This is consistent with the rhetorical force elsewhere in the book.

Hebrews is written to a community under pressure to return to the Temple on the Sabbath and temptation to withdraw from the first day of the week gathering. Leaving Sabbath worship in the Temple and instead gathering on the first day of the week were 1st century public markers of one's faith in Jesus. The author understands the need for common encouragement by weekly gathering.

So, he repeatedly frames perseverance as a shared task:

- “*Let us run with endurance...*” (Heb 12:1)
- “*Let us be grateful...*” (Heb 12:28)
- “*Let us offer acceptable worship...*” (Heb 12:28)

In each case, the emphasis is: *This is something we do together, or not at all.*

This means that in Hebrews 10:22-24, the sense is not: “*Each believer should privately draw near, privately hold fast, and privately consider others.*”

The sense is: “*As the people of God, let's draw near together, hold fast together, and actively take responsibility for one another.*”

That communal force is why verse 25 is not an add-on but the natural consequence of the grammar: you cannot do verses 22–24 *together* if you abandon the weekly gathering.

So, the text encourages four things together:

First: “*Let Us Draw Near*” — The Access We Have (v. 22) - “*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...*”

- a) The invitation to draw near is plural: *let us*.

IMP: Here is an important Bible thought that is foreign to Western thought.

From the very beginning of Scripture, God's people have understood themselves **corporately**, not merely individually. From Adam onward, humanity is treated as a shared life before God.

For instance, Adam does not stand alone; he represents many. “*In Adam, all die*” (1 Cor 15:22a).

Christ also does not stand alone. He forms a new family, a new body, hence, “*so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*” (1 Cor 15:22b).

When God forms Israel, he does not gather disconnected believers but creates **one people**, bound by covenant, story, worship, obedience, and destiny. This is one of the reasons why Israel speaks in the plural: *we were slaves, the Lord brought us out, we have sinned, we will obey.*

- Faithfulness is not only private; it blesses the people – Abraham
- Worship is never imagined as optional or solitary - Sinai
- Sin is not only personal; it affects the whole camp - Achin

Drawing near to God has always been something God’s people do **together**, as one body standing before him.

The writer to the Hebrews assumes this mentality.

When he says, “*Let us draw near,*” he is not describing private spirituality running parallel to others. He is calling the people of God to approach God **as a people**, shaped by shared confession, shared cleansing, and shared access through Christ.

This is one reason the Sunday gathering matters. It is not a convenience for individual faith, but an expression of who we are together as Christ’s body.

We do not merely draw near at the same time; we draw near **with one another**. We are called to a common sacrifice, a common faith and a common purpose.

But God has always formed the faith of his people this way. Personal faith grows *inside* a gathered people, not apart from them.

(I wish I had more time to speak about this because it is *very important*. The NT simply assumes this understanding whereas it is foreign to American thinking. If you want to know more about it, look here:

- Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments* (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1975), esp. pp. 23–39.
 - H. Wheeler Robinson, *Corporate Personality in Ancient Israel* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1964), esp. pp. 25–46.
 - N. T. Wright, *The New Testament and the People of God* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1992), esp. 259–268.
- b) Access to God is grounded in:
- hearts cleansed by Christ’s blood,
 - bodies washed in covenantal purity,

- confidence secured by Jesus, our great high priest.

Drawing near is possible because Christ has already opened the way. This is not self-generated devotion; it is a grace-enabled approach. The Holy Spirit draws us to Christ together and forms us into the image of Christ together.

Note: This is one reason why spiritual gifts are so important and you still have time to attend the Wednesday night class (which is now starting at 6:15pm).

The Sunday Gathering Connection: What this means is that **our faith is not self-sustaining**. It really does take a village, and God has placed us in his body for a reason.

- We draw near together, not merely alongside one another.
- We sing together

Ephesians 5:19 – ...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

- We hear Scripture together
- We respond together
- We grow together
- We intimately affect one another's lives

APP: 1 - The Sunday gathering is one of God's appointed rhythms for encouraging our faith and re-centering hearts that drift during the week.

2 - This shared life is essential to our individual wellbeing. When our personal faith feels fragile, the gathered church carries us.

Second: “Let Us Hold Fast” — The Gathering as Confession and Stability (v. 23) -
“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering...”

- a) “*Hold fast*” implies pressure, resistance, and the possibility of drift. (**CG leaders**, you have a note about this in the Monday morning, *View*).
- b) The object we hold fast to is not a feeling, but a confession, i.e., what you believe.

Our hope must be actively held because it is constantly challenged by the flesh, the world and the devil.

Think about last weeks' sermon. Without realizing it, good things, but things that point us more toward the world, can creep into our lives and consume our schedules. Then, we don't have time to exercise the disciplines, to be disciples of Jesus.

When we come together each Sunday, we remind each other of what is important and remember there are many other people who are focusing on the same thing but facing the same struggle to keep the main thing, the main thing.

The Sunday Gathering Connection: What this means is that our hope is not self-sustaining. It really does take a village, and God has placed us in his body for a reason.

- The church gathers weekly to rehearse our confession of faith
- Our songs, fellowship and the Bible Scripture remind us of what's important and stabilize our belief.
- Ultimately, our hope is preserved through the repetition of these weekly rhythms.

APP: All week the world catechizes us. The Sunday gathering re-catechizes us in the gospel through many voices speaking the same truth.

Holding fast is difficult alone; it is sustained in community.

Third: “Let Us Consider One Another” — The Gathering as Mutual Formation (v. 24) - *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...”*

- “Consider” means intentional, thoughtful attention.

Two important Greek words:

GR / “consider” = *κατανοέω* (*katanoeō*)

- to notice carefully
- to observe attentively
- to think through deliberately
- to give sustained, thoughtful attention

This is not casual awareness. It is intentional, focused consideration.

APP: When you arrive on Sunday morning you are looking for people; who is here, who is not, etc.

Note: Seventy-one ladies are not reading through the Bible chronologically. In this week's *Read Thru the Bible Chronologically* reading, we saw the effects of poor friendships in Job's life. Someone or something is daily encouraging or discouraging you from Christ. You need godly encouragement.

GR/ “stir up” = *παροξυσμός* (*paroxysmos*) in positive or negative way depending on context.

- sharp stimulation
- provocation
- strong incitement

- a forceful awakening

This is not gentle suggestion. It implies intentional pressure that produces movement. Biblical encouragement sometimes involves loving disruption, pushing one another out of passivity and toward obedience.

APP: 1 - You are looking for people to “stir them up,” encourage them toward Jesus.
2 – Who is “stirring you up?” Be thankful, not bothered.

- Growth is not accidental.
- Love and obedience require proximity.

God forms believers through one another. Sanctification is personal, but it is never solitary.

APP: This is very important.

- You want to be looked for.
- You want to be missed.
- You don’t want to be invisible.
- Anonymity is the enemy of your spirituality.

The Sunday Gathering Connection:

- Your presence matters.
- Seeing faces, hearing voices, sharing burdens shapes the life we live.
- Encouragement and accountability require a shared life.

You cannot stir one another from a distance. The Sunday gathering reminds us that following Jesus is a shared journey, not a private project.

Fourth: The Corporate Context — Why These Commands Require Gathering (v. 25) - “*Not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another...*”

- Neglect happens gradually.
- Encouragement is preventative care for the soul.
- The Day is drawing near.

The Christian life was never designed to be sustained in isolation.

Psalm 68:6 - *God settles the solitary in a home...*

God uses ordinary, repeated gathering as a means of perseverance.

The Sunday Gathering Connection:

- The Sunday morning gathering is not optional.
- It is a God-given discipline that God knows you need because it protects
 - your faith (v 22),
 - your hope (v 23),
 - your love (v 24).

1 Corinthians 13:13 - *So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

“all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” - As the world increases its influence (and the Internet social media has done just that), community becomes more essential, not less.

IMP: Over time, faith hope and love are preserved through faithful, ordinary Sunday gatherings more than through sporadic, dramatic moments.

Conclusion: God exists in eternal community and we, made in his image, are made for one another. As God said in the very beginning, *“It is not good for man [us] to be alone”* (Gen 2:18).

The Sunday gathering is not about attendance; it is about:

- access — drawing near together in faith
- assurance — holding our hope together,
- action — stirring one another together to love and good works
- abiding — persevering our lives together.

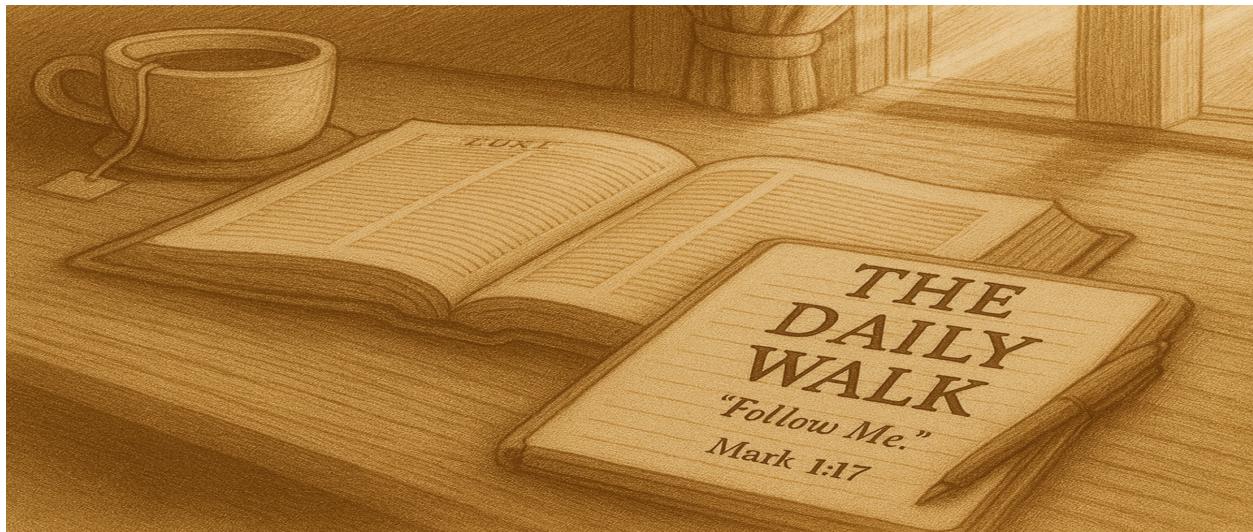
God calls his people to gather because we need one another.

The Sunday gathering is grace in communal form.

It is one of the primary ways Jesus keeps his people, as his people, until the Day draws near.

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Why the Sunday Gathering Is an Essential Spiritual Discipline



MONDAY. Access — Drawing Near Together. Hebrews 10:19–22

Think. The call to “draw near” in Hebrews is not a private invitation but a shared one. Access to God is secured through Christ’s blood, not through our individual spiritual intensity. Christianity never imagines a believer approaching God alone as a finished project. We come as people gathered into Christ, entering together what none of us could enter on our own. Sunday worship rehearses this truth weekly. It reminds us that our access is received, not achieved, and shared, not solitary.

Reflect. Single life can quietly normalize spiritual independence. Without intending to, you may begin to treat faith as something you can manage privately. But Scripture insists that nearness to God is experienced most fully within God’s gathered people. What if the isolation you feel at times is not solved by better solitude, but by deeper shared access to God?

Apply. This week, arrive at Sunday worship consciously aware that you are not entering alone. Pray before the service begins, thanking Christ that you are welcomed into God’s presence with others. Then enjoy the gathering by fellowshipping with others.

Pray. Jesus, thank you that my access to God does not depend on my strength, but on your sacrifice. Teach me to draw near with your people. Amen.

TUESDAY. Assurance — Holding Fast Together. Hebrews 10:23

Think. Hope is not maintained by willpower. Hebrews ties assurance to holding our confession together. When our belief weakens, community steadies it. God designed faith to be reinforced

through shared confession, shared singing, shared Scripture, and shared prayers. Sunday worship becomes a weekly anchor, not because it removes doubt, but because it prevents doubt from isolating us from God or others.

Reflect. When you struggle with assurance, do you withdraw or draw closer to God's people? Isolation often feels safer, but it quietly loosens your grip on hope. Recommit yourself to gathering each Sunday with God's people

Apply. Identify one truth you heard last Sunday in corporate worship. Carry it with you this week and repeat it when any doubt surfaces.

Pray. Faithful God, you keep your promises when my confidence wavers. Strengthen my hope through the voices of your people. Amen.

WEDNESDAY. Action — Considering One Another. Hebrews 10:24

Think. The word "consider" means intentional, sustained attentiveness. Love and good works do not emerge accidentally. They are cultivated when believers actively notice one another and encourage each other. The Sunday gathering trains our attention outward, teaching us to see others not as interruptions, but as assignments of grace. (What a revelation!)

Reflect. Single life can heighten self-focus, not from selfishness but from necessity. Hebrews invites you to practice a different orientation. How might God be forming you by shifting your attention toward others each week?

Apply. This Sunday, look for one person to encourage intentionally. Let your presence become purposeful.

Pray. Lord, reorient my attention outward. Teach me to notice and love others as you have loved me. Amen.

THURSDAY. Formation — The Corporate Shape of Faith. Hebrews 10:22–24

Think. The Christian life is shaped corporately to be expressed personally. God forms us through shared rhythms, shared prayers, and shared obedience. The gathering does not replace private devotion, but it gives it shape, direction, and balance to it.

Reflect. Where has your faith drifted toward self-definition rather than shared formation?

Apply. Commit this week to one act of faith that is strengthened by and with the community of Jesus rather than practiced alone.

Pray. God, form my life through your people. Guard me from a faith that grows alone. Amen.

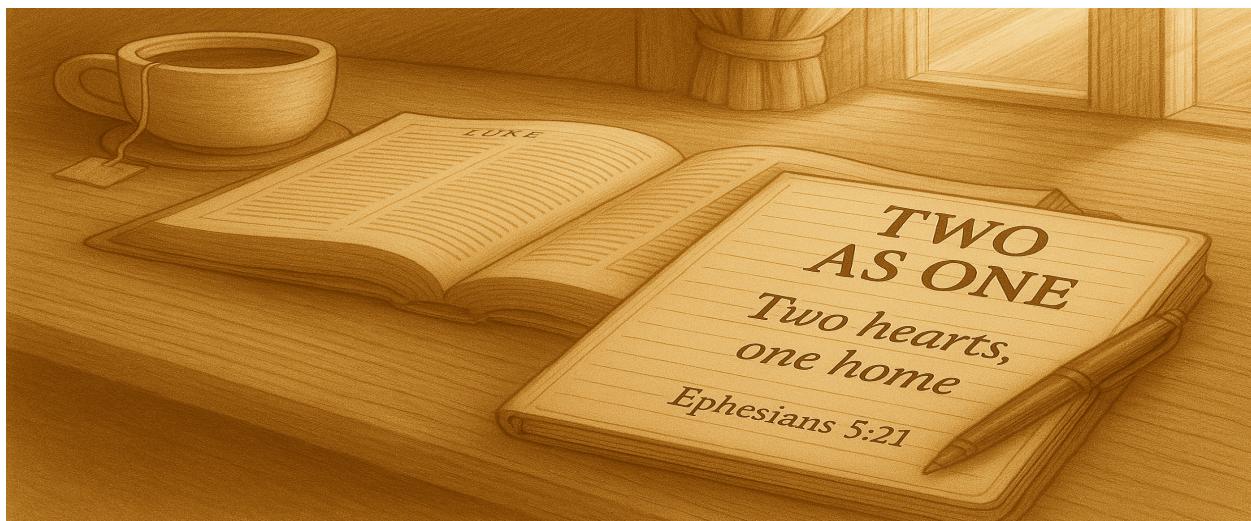
FRIDAY. Endurance — Persevering Together. Hebrews 10:25

Think. Endurance is not heroic self-reliance. It is sustained presence. And the book of Hebrews frames perseverance as a shared responsibility. We endure by staying close to God **and** to one another.

Reflect. What might change if you saw weekly worship not as attendance, but as training in endurance? How would that encourage to be present, even when it is not convenient? How could you encourage others to think this way?

Apply. Guard Sunday as a means of grace, not a negotiable option. Then encourage a struggling friend or family member to do the same.

Pray. Lord, help me endure by remaining faithful to and with your people. Amen.



MONDAY — ACCESS: Let Us Draw Near Together (Heb. 10:19–22)

Think. Hebrews grounds access to God not in personal spirituality but in Christ's finished work. The command "let us draw near" is plural and communal. For married couples, this matters deeply. Marriage does not create a self-sufficient spiritual unit. God does not invite couples to approach him instead of the church, but within the church. The Sunday gathering is where couples are reminded that their nearness to God rests on Christ's blood, not on their relational health as a couple, their shared devotion habits, or their emotional closeness.

Reflect. Couples can be tempted to quietly replace corporate access with private spiritual life, assuming that praying together or believing together is enough. Hebrews challenges that assumption. How has your understanding of spiritual closeness drifted toward independence from the gathered people of God?

Apply. This week, plan Sunday worship together as a shared act of obedience. Decide ahead of time when you will arrive, where you will sit, how you will remain present and how you will serve others as an act of drawing near with God's people.

Pray. Father, thank you that our access to you rests on Christ alone. Teach us to draw near as part of your church.

TUESDAY — ASSURANCE: Let Us Hold Fast Together (Heb. 10:23)

Think. Hebrews assumes that hope must be held because pressure is constant. Assurance is not maintained privately but corporately. Our shared confession of faith is something the church rehearses together so that belief does not erode under strain. For couples, shared life can amplify pressure, financial anxiety, parenting stress, vocational uncertainty. God gives the gathering as a weekly place where hope is carried and steadied by hearing the same gospel again with others.

Reflect. When pressure increases in your life together, what is usually the first rhythm to loosen? Is it church attendance? What does that reveal about where you expect assurance and help to come from?

Apply. This week, identify one truth confessed last Sunday in the weekly gathering. Commit together to talking about it throughout the week and referring back to it during the week when pressure or temptation rises.

Pray. Faithful God, anchor our hope in what you have promised, not in how stable life feels.

WEDNESDAY — ACTION: Let Us Consider One Another (Heb. 10:24)

Think. To “consider one another” means deliberate, sustained attentiveness. Hebrews assumes that love and obedience require intention. The Sunday gathering trains couples to lift their eyes beyond their own life, needs and concerns. God does not gather his people only to receive ministry, but to become participants in one another’s perseverance.

Reflect. Couples can easily turn inward, especially during demanding seasons. How has that inward pull shaped the way you engage others in the church?

Apply. Before Sunday, choose one person or household you will intentionally notice and encourage during the Sunday gathering. Treat your presence as an assignment, not a routine.

Pray. Lord, train our attention outward. Use us to strengthen others in love and faithfulness.

THURSDAY — FORMATION: The Corporate Shape of Discipleship (Heb. 10:22–24)

Think. Hebrews presents discipleship as a shared journey. Drawing near, holding fast, and mutual care happen together or they weaken over time. Couples are formed spiritually not only by what they practice privately, but by the rhythms they share with the church. Over years, the gathering shapes priorities, desires, patience, and trust, keeping us from isolation as a couple.

Reflect. Looking back, how has consistent gathering shaped your marriage? Who has shaped you?

Apply. Evaluate one weekly decision that regularly competes with Sunday worship. Make a concrete adjustment this week that protects the gathering as a formative rhythm.

Pray. God, continue forming our life together through your people.

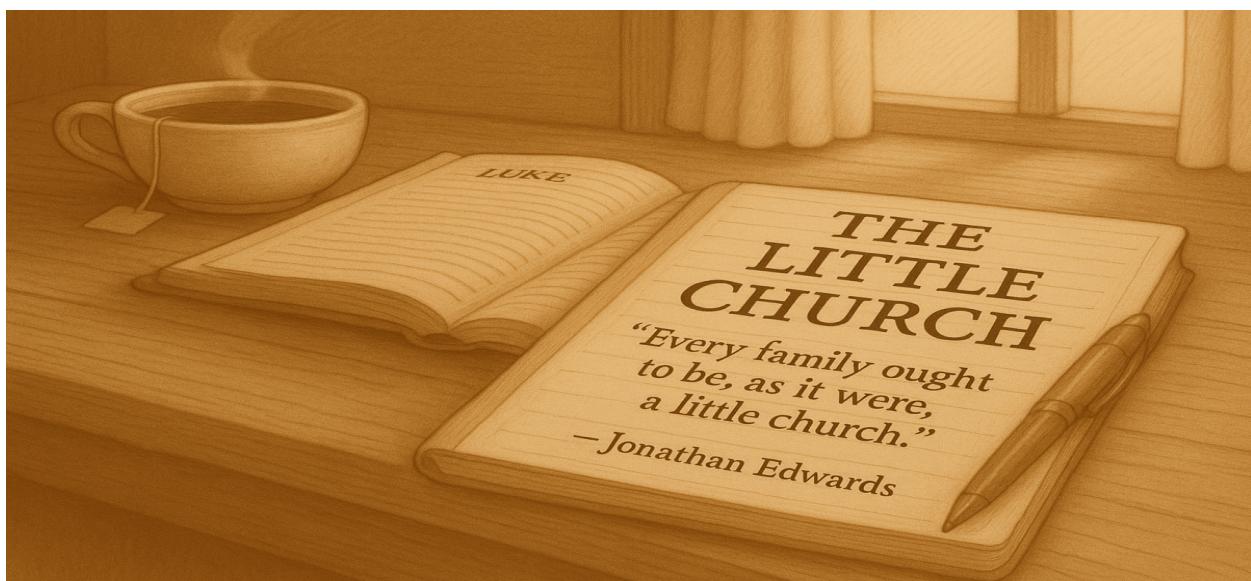
FRIDAY — ENDURANCE: Persevering Together (Heb. 10:25)

Think. Hebrews links endurance to staying present. Perseverance is not heroic resolve but repeated faithfulness, Sunday after Sunday after Sunday. Couples endure spiritually and relationally by remaining connected to God's people when life is demanding, not by retreating inward.

Reflect. What has made consistent gathering harder in this season, and what would endurance look like rather than withdrawal?

Apply. Make a shared commitment to treat Sunday worship as essential, even when energy is low or schedules are full.

Pray. Lord, help us endure by staying present with you and with your church.



MONDAY — ACCESS: We Draw Near Together (Heb. 10:19–22)

Think. Hebrews teaches that access to God is a gift secured by Jesus and shared by God's people. Families play a powerful role in teaching this truth. Children learn who God is and how he welcomes his people by watching how their parents approach worship. The Sunday gathering shows children that coming to God is not something we do alone, but something God's people do together because Jesus opened the way.

Reflect. What story about God's welcome and the importance of the Sunday morning gathering is your family telling by how you approach Sunday worship?

Apply. This week, tell your children why your family gathers with the church. Connect Sunday worship directly to what Jesus has done to bring us near to God.

Pray. Jesus, thank you for opening the way to God. Teach our family to draw near together.

TUESDAY — ASSURANCE: We Hold Hope Together (Heb. 10:23)

Think. Children borrow faith before they own it. God gives families the Sunday gathering as a place where hope is rehearsed publicly and consistently. Singing, Scripture, prayer, and preaching give children shared language for trusting God even before they fully understand it.

Reflect. How does Sunday worship help steady your children when life is uncertain or disappointing?

Apply. This week, while driving or eating together, ask your children what they learned and/or how they benefited from the Sunday gathering. Let your children hear hope spoken aloud in the ordinary moments.

Pray. Faithful God, anchor our family in your promises and help us share them together.

WEDNESDAY — ACTION: We Care for Others Together (Heb. 10:24)

Think. Hebrews teaches that love is practiced, not assumed. Families disciple children not only by instruction but by modeling attentiveness to others. The gathering becomes a training ground where children learn that following Jesus includes noticing and encouraging other people.

Reflect. What are your children learning about love by watching how you engage others at church?

Apply. This Sunday, help your children notice one person or family and encourage them to greet or thank them intentionally.

Pray. Lord, shape our family into people who love others well.

THURSDAY — FORMATION: God Shapes Us as a Family (Heb. 10:22–24)

Think. God forms families over time through repeated habits/practices/disciplines. The gathering shapes what children learn to value, expect, and prioritize. Over years, this teaches children patience, humility, and hope.

Reflect. How has consistent worship shaped your family's sense of what matters most?

Apply. Identify one way Sunday worship has formed your children. Name it aloud together with them this week.

Pray. God, continue shaping our family through the life of your church.

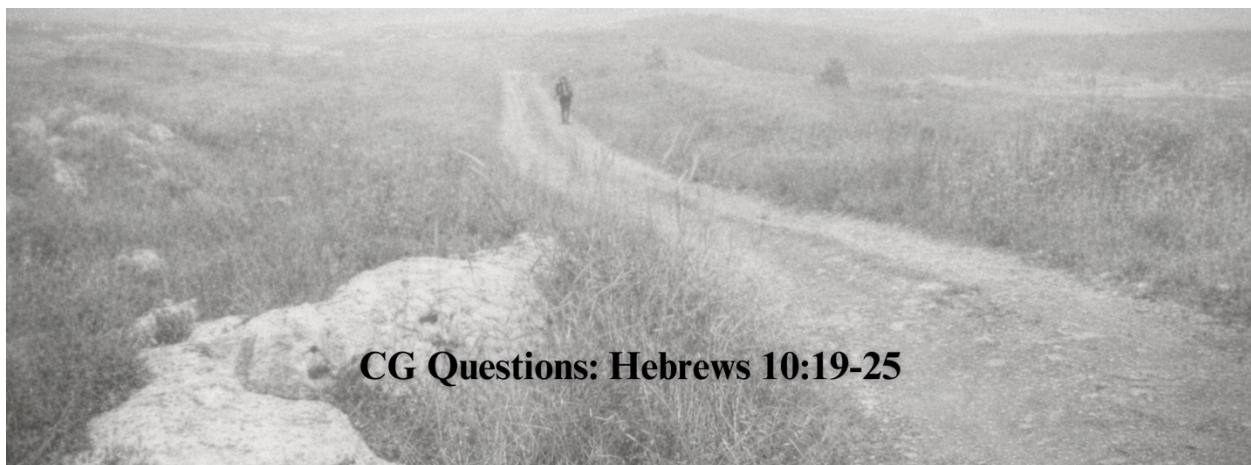
FRIDAY — ENDURANCE: We Show Up to Grow Up (Heb. 10:25)

Think. Endurance is learned through visible faithfulness. Children learn perseverance not by perfection but by watching adults keep showing up. Hebrews presents gathering as a means God uses to help his people, adults and children, do just that.

Reflect. What message does your family send about endurance by how you treat Sunday worship?

Apply. As a family, reaffirm your commitment together to the Sunday weekly gathering as a way God helps you remain faithful over time.

Pray. Lord, help our family endure in faith together with your people.



Observation

(What does the text actually say?)

1. In Hebrews 10:22–24, how many times does the phrase “**let us**” appear, and what actions are we called to do?
2. What reasons are given in verses 19–21 **before** the commands begin?
3. According to verse 25, what two things are contrasted with one another regarding the gathering?
4. What repeated words or ideas in this passage emphasize that these commands are meant to be lived out **together**, not individually?

Interpretation

(What does the text mean?)

5. Why is it important that the author grounds the call to gather in **what Christ has already done**, not in an obligation or a tradition?
6. How does the plural, communal force of “*let us*” shape the way we understand
 - drawing near,
 - holding fast, and
 - considering one another?
7. Why does Hebrews connect **perseverance** with **not neglecting to meet together**?
8. How does the sermon’s explanation of corporate faith in Scripture (Adam, Israel, the church) challenge modern Western/American assumptions about private spirituality?

Correlation

(How does this fit with the rest of Scripture and our shared life?)

9. Where else in Scripture do you see God forming faith primarily through **gathered people** rather than isolated individuals?
10. How do passages like Psalm 34:1–3 or Hebrews 12:1–2 reinforce the idea that worship and endurance are communal practices?
11. How does the Discipleship Wheel help clarify why Sunday gathering is foundational rather than optional?

Application

(What specific, shared obedience is God calling us to?)

12. Based on this passage, what would change if we treated the Sunday gathering as a **spiritual discipline** rather than an event?
13. How can our CG practice “*considering one another*” more intentionally before and during Sunday worship?
14. What concrete steps can we take as a group to ensure people are **noticed, missed, and encouraged**, not invisible?
15. As pressures increase in our schedules and culture, what will help us guard the weekly gathering as a means God uses to preserve **faith, hope, and love**?

